OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The foreign investment policy, as enumerated in the Statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991. is constantly kept under watch so as to respond promptly to the foreign investors' genuine needs and to make it internation-aliy competitive.

Disinvestment in PSUs

1469. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the monetary value of disinvestment of PSUs shares during the tenure of the present Government.

(b) 'he amount of share thus have accrued to private industries/foreign industries; and

(c) what has been its reflections on the profitability of the PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART-MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Government realised through disinvestment of PSU shares Rs. 3038 crores and Rs. 1912 crores during 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively. During 1991-.92, all the shares disinvested were sold to the public sector Financial Institutions, Mutual Funds & Banks. During 1992-93. out of 44.94 crore shares disinvested, only 0.25 crore shares were sold to private parties/ institutions. It is too early to evaluate the reffections of disinvestment on the profitability of PSUs.

Winding up National Bicycle Corpora-, tion

1470. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to wind up the National Bicycle Corporation, a public sector undertaking;

(b) if so, what are the reasons there-, for;

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to make the Corporation economically viable: and

(d) the manner in which the affected employees of the Corporation are proposed to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd. (NB-CIL) being a loss making company is under reference to BIFR. After considering the facts and circumstances of the case in its last hearing, the BIFR has formed a prima-facie opinion that the unit is not viable on long-term basis and accordingly has decided to issue a show-cause notice to wind it up.

(d) BIFR is yes to give its final re-commendation .

खादी ग्रामोद्योग आयोग का विकास

1471. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खादी ग्रामोद्योग क्षेत्र में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों और श्रमिकों ने उक्त उद्योग के विकास के लिये आवश्यक कार्यक्रमों की ओर सरकार का ध्यान दिलाया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने इन समस्याओं का समाधान करने के लिये तत्काल कार्यवाही करने के अपने वचन को भी दोहराया था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो अभी तक सरकार द्वारा इन समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(घ) खादी ग्रामोद्योग के तहत आगामी तीन वर्षों के लिये रोजगार के अवसर पैदा करने हेतु क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम: (क) से (घ) जो विभिन्न निकाय/संस्थान तथा श्रमिक देश मे खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योगों के संवर्धन और विकास में लगे हैं, उनमे प्राप्त सुझावों पर सरकार द्वारा विचार किया जाता है। खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान देश के प्रत्येक चुनिन्दा जिलों में लगभग 10,000 व्यक्तियों के लिये रोजगार सृजन करने हेतु एक विशेष रोजगार कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है। उक्त कार्यक्रम के तहत अब तक 14 जिले शामिल किये गये हैं। आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान 50 जिलों को शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव है। इस कार्यक्रम में डी.आर.डी.ए. तथा राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों को भी शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव है।

New Power Plant orders

142. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRTME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the , the inflow of new Power Plant orders of the BHEL has been declining over the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor- and

(c) what steps are being taken to enhance the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAI DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIO NAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Order; booked by BHEL for power plants wen for total capacities of 2,010 MW in 1990-91, 373 MW in 1991-92 and 1,33C MW in 1992-93. The main reasons for inadequate orders for power plants is the resource constraints faced by custom mere.

(c) Steps taken by BHEL to improve its order book position are as follows:

— Marketing drive to obtain balance orders of VIII Plan for power generation equipment.
— Enhancing business from existing power stations through life extension, renovation/modernisation of old equipment.
— Joint working with reputed companies for formulating bids with consortium arrangements.
— Greater thrust on exports (both physical and deemed) by focusing on specific potential areas.
— Diversification into new growth areas where BHEL's existing infrastructure skills and capabilities would be gainfully utilised.

Arrears due from State. Electricity Board

1473. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that arrears from various State Electricity Boards and Power Corporations to BHEL have increased to about 2000 crores rupees: